

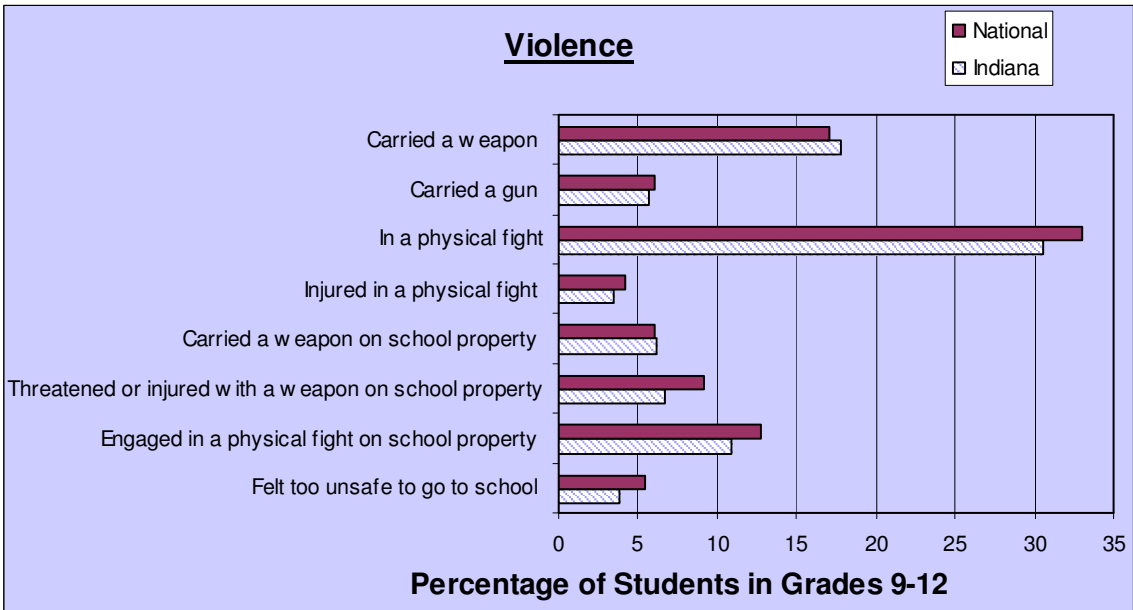


Unintentional Injuries and Violence

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), school-associated violent deaths represent less than one percent of all homicides and suicides that occur among school-aged children in the United States.

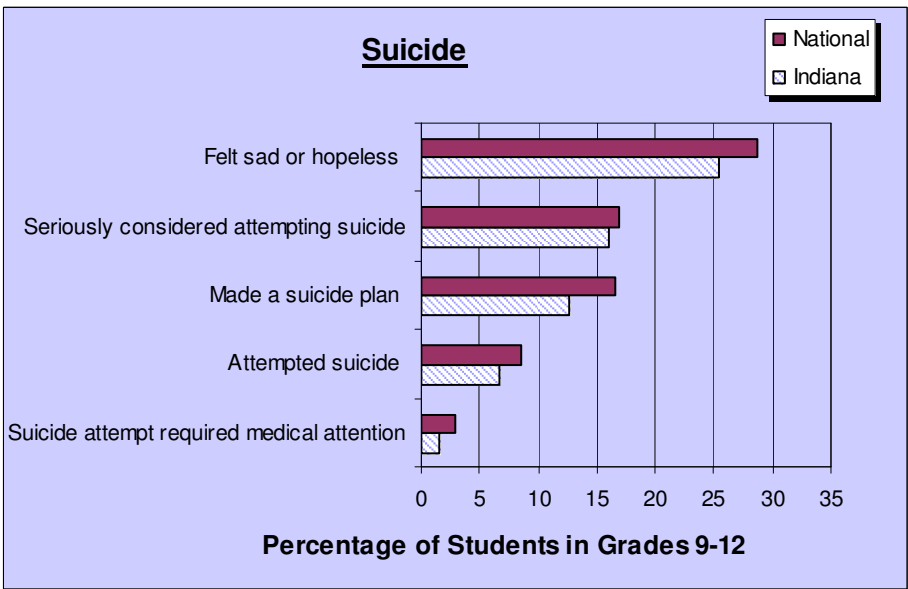
The 2003 Indiana Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that 6.7 percent of students were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property, 3.8 percent of students felt too unsafe to go to school, and 6.2 percent of students reported having carried a weapon on school property within the previous 30 days.

Following is a graph with data on violence among high school students in Indiana and the United States:



National statistics show that suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people from 15 to 24 years of age in the United State. According to the 2003 Indiana Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 25.5 percent of high school students reported feeling sad or hopeless, and 16 percent of students said that they seriously considered attempting suicide.

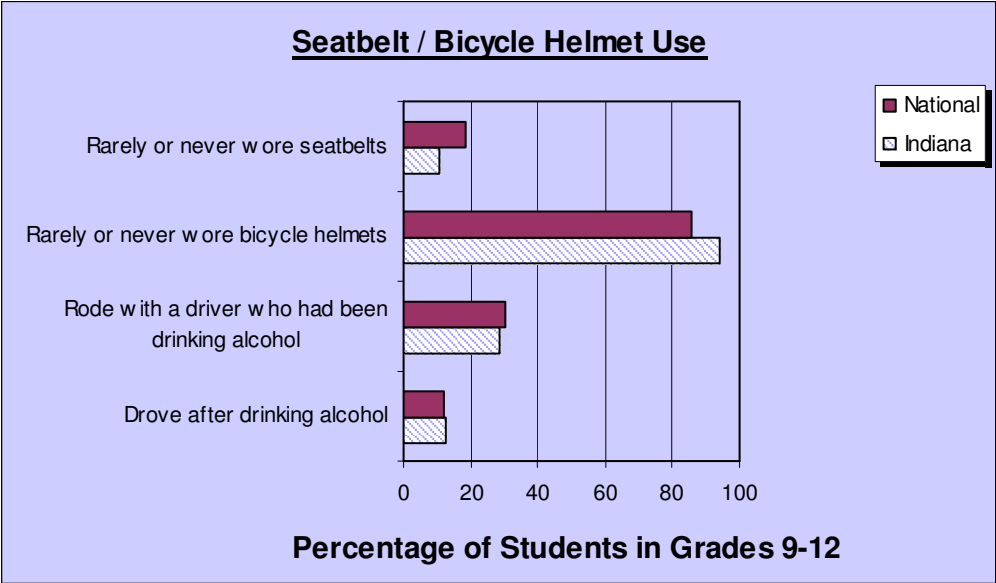
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National statistics show that proper use of lap and shoulder belts could prevent approximately 60 percent of motor vehicle-related deaths. According to the 2003 Indiana YRBS, 10.6 percent of high school students in the state reported rarely or never wearing a seat belt while riding in a car driven by someone else.

According to the CDC, head injury is the leading cause of death in bicycle crashes. National statistics show that use of bicycle helmets can eliminate 65 to 88 percent of bicycle-related brain injuries and 65 percent of serious injuries to the upper and middle regions of the face. According to the 2003 Indiana YRBS, 93.8 percent of high school students in Indiana reported rarely or never wearing a bicycle helmet.

Following is a graph with data on seatbelt and bicycle helmet use among high school students in Indiana and the United States:



Each year the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports offers a bicycle riding workshop for young people at the Black & Minority Health Fair. The workshop includes education on bicycle safety and helmet use.

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